

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5673–S5712

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and thirteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2543–2549, and S. Res. 330–342. **Page S5706**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2020”. (S. Rept. No. 116–121)

S. 1245, to improve energy performance in Federal buildings, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–117)

S. 1685, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a program for the research, development, and demonstration of commercially viable technologies for the capture of carbon dioxide produced during the generation of natural gas-generated power, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–118)

S. 1857, to amend the National Energy Conservation Policy Act to improve Federal energy and water performance requirements for Federal buildings and establish a Federal Energy Management Program, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 116–119)

S. 2543, to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security Act to lower prescription drug prices in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, to improve transparency related to pharmaceutical prices and transactions, to lower patients’ out-of-pocket costs, and to ensure accountability to taxpayers. (S. Rept. No. 116–120)

S. 2099, to redesignate the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve in the State of North Dakota as the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve.

S. 2260, to provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5705**

Measures Passed:

National Emergency Declaration: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15,

2019, and the resolution was then passed in a roll call vote, 54 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 302).

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Federal Election Interference: Senate agreed to S. Res. 330, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to require certain measures to address Federal election interference by foreign governments.

Pages S5681–91, S5691–92

Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.: By 91 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 303), Senate agreed to S. Res. 331, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the inclusion of the provisions of S. 2118 (116th Congress) (relating to the prohibition of United States persons from dealing in certain information and communications technology or services from foreign adversaries and requiring the approval of Congress to terminate certain export controls in effect with respect to Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.).

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Survivor Benefit Plan: By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. 304), Senate agreed to S. Res. 332, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the conference on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 630A of the House amendment (relating to the repeal of a requirement of reduction of Survivor Benefit Plan survivor annuities by amounts of dependency and indemnity compensation).

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Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl: Senate agreed to S. Res. 334, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in section 316 of the Senate bill (relating to a prohibition on the use of perfluoroalkyl substances and polyfluoroalkyl substances for land-based applications of firefighting foam).

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Replenishment of Certain Military Construction Funds: By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate agreed to S. Res. 335, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th

Congress) to insist upon the members of the conference to include the provisions contained in section 2906 of the Senate bill (relating to replenishment of certain military construction funds).

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Family and Medical Leave: By 55 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 307), Senate agreed to S. Res. 336, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the members of the conference to consider potential commonsense solutions regarding family and medical leave, including voluntary compensatory time programs and incentives through the tax code.

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Measures Failed:

Paid Family Leave for Federal Personnel: By 47 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 305), Senate failed to agree to S. Res. 333, instructing the managers on the part of the Senate on the bill S. 1790 (116th Congress) to insist upon the provisions contained in subtitle B of title XI of the House amendment (relating to paid family leave for Federal personnel).

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Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 26, 2019, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 4378, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, that the only amendment in order be Paul Amendment No. 942, and the time until 12:15 p.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and that at 12:15 p.m., Senate vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 942, and that following disposition of the amendment, Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with 60 affirmative votes required for passage.

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Scalia Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor. **Pages S5674, S5695–96**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S5674**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 309), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5695–96**

Hyten Nomination—Cloture: By 73 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. EX. 308), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Gen. John E. Hyten for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and for appointment

in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility in accordance with title 10, U.S.C., sections 154 and 601: to be General. **Page S5695**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, September 26, 2019, following disposition of H.R. 4378, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, with the time until 1:30 p.m., equally divided between the Leaders, or their designees, and that at 1:30 p.m., the post-cloture time on the nominations of Gen. John E. Hyten, and Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor, be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed. **Page S5712**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5712**

Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—309) **Pages S5681, S5692, S5694, S5695, S5696**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:23 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5712.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PERSPECTIVES

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine perspectives on the livestock and poultry sectors, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Houston, East Tennessee Livestock Center, Sweetwater, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Ron Kardel, West Liberty Foods, Walcott, Iowa, on behalf of the National Turkey Federation; Jayson L. Lusk, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics, West Lafayette, Indiana; Burton Pfliger, Roselawn Legacy Hampshires, Bismarck, North Dakota, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association; Trent Thiele, Iowa Pork Producers Association, Elma, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; and Shane Eaton, Eaton Charolais, Lindsay, Montana, on behalf of the United States Cattlemen's Association.

FACILITATING FASTER PAYMENTS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine facilitating faster payments in the United States, after receiving testimony from Esther George, President, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, on behalf of the Federal Reserve System; Robert Hunter, The Clearing House Payments Company, Robert A. Steen, Bridge Community Bank, on behalf of the Independent Community Bankers of America, and George Selgin, Cato Institute Center for Monetary and Financial Alternatives, all of Washington, D.C.; and Sheila C. Bair, former Chair of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Independence, Kansas.

FISHERY FAILURES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fishery failures, focusing on improving the disaster declaration and relief process, after receiving testimony from Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Joe Spraggins, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Biloxi; Rachel Baker, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau; Robert Spottswood, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Key West; and Ron Warren, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Olympia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 334, to authorize the construction of the Musselshell-Judith Rural Water System and study of the Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority System in the States of Montana and North Dakota;

S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, with an amendment;

S. 860, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to modify the terms of the Jackson Gulch rehabilitation project in Colorado, with an amendment;

S. 990, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program First Increment Extension for threatened and endangered species in the Central and Lower Platte River Basin;

S. 1570, to provide flexibility to allow greater aquifer recharge, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1602, to amend the United States Energy Storage Competitiveness Act of 2007 to establish a research, development, and demonstration program for grid-scale energy storage systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1751, to amend the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 to authorize pumped storage hydropower development utilizing multiple Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs, with an amendment;

S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, with an amendment;

S. 1882, to make available the continued use of Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program project use power by the Kinsey Irrigation Company and the Sidney Water Users Irrigation District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1931, to require the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration to establish a pilot project to provide increased transparency for customers;

S. 2044, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to establish an Aging Infrastructure Account, to amend the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978 to provide additional funds under that Act, to establish a review of flood control rule curves pilot project within the Bureau of Reclamation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2094 and H.R. 2114, bills to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement, review, and revise State energy security plans, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid;

S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry;

S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2332, to provide for the modernization of the electric grid;

S. 2333, to provide for enhanced energy grid security;

S. 2334, to require the Secretary of Energy to establish the 21st Century Energy Workforce Advisory Board;

S. 2335, to accelerate smart building development; and

H.R. 1420, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to promote energy efficiency via information and computing technologies.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2260, to provide for the improvement of domestic infrastructure in order to prevent marine debris, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2099, to redesignate the Sullys Hill National Game Preserve in the State of North Dakota as the White Horse Hill National Game Preserve;

The nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be a Member and to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; and

8 General Services Administration resolutions.

U.S. POLICY IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States policy in Mexico and Central America, focusing on ensuring effective policies to address the crisis at the border, after receiving testimony from Kirsten D. Madison, Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, and Michael Kozak, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, both of the Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1590, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to authorize rewards for thwarting wildlife trafficking linked to transnational organized crime;

S. 1678, to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world, with an amendment;

S. 1838, to amend the Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992, with an amendment;

S. 2372, to enhance global engagement to combat marine debris, with an amendment;

S. Res. 183, reaffirming the vital role of the United States-Japan alliance in promoting peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond;

S. Res. 236, reaffirming the strong partnership between Tunisia and the United States and supporting

the people of Tunisia in their continued pursuit of democratic reforms;

S. Res. 277, remembering the 25th Anniversary of the bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and recommitting to efforts to uphold justice for the 85 victims of the attacks;

S. Res. 318, to support the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the Sixth Replenishment, with an amendment;

The nominations of Adam Seth Boehler, of Louisiana, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, and Adrian Zuckerman, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to Romania, Department of State; and

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

COUNTERING DOMESTIC TERRORISM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine countering domestic terrorism, focusing on the evolving threat, after receiving testimony from William Braniff, University of Maryland National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, College Park; Clint Watts, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Robert Chesney, University of Texas Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law, Austin; and George Selim, Anti-Defamation League, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Danielle J. Hunsaker, of Oregon, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, William Joseph Nardini, of Connecticut, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Jodi W. Dishman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, who was introduced by Senator Lankford, Sarah E. Pitlyk, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator Blunt, and Daniel Mack Traynor, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota, who was introduced by Senator Hoeven, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TOXIC EXPOSURE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine toxic exposure, focusing on examining the Department of Veterans Affairs's presumptive disability decision-making process, after receiving testimony from Patricia R. Hastings, Chief Consultant, Post Deployment Health Services, and

Drew Helmer, Director, War Related Illness and Injury Study Center, both of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Terry Rauch, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), Health Readiness Policy and Oversight; David A. Butler, Director, Office of Military and Veterans Health, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine; Shane L. Liermann, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Miller, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tennessee.

PROMOTING HEALTHY AGING

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine promoting healthy aging, focusing on living your best life long into your golden years, after receiving testimony from Rudolph Tanzi, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts; Susan Hughes, University of Illinois Center for Research on Health and Aging, Chicago; Diane Dickerson, Bangor Regional YMCA, Bangor, Maine; and Brian L. Long, Pennsylvania Link to Aging and Disability Resources, Lancaster.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 4484–4498; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 589, 590, 592–595 were introduced.

Pages H7988–89

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H7990–91

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 591, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 54) relating to a national emergency declared by the President of February 15, 2019 (H. Rept. 116–218).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Beatty to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Pages H7911–12

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. J.D. Greear, The Summit Church, Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:50 p.m. and reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Pages H7920–21

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman DeFazio wherein he transmitted copies of six resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on September 19, 2019.

Pages H7934–35

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Secure And Fair Enforcement Banking Act of 2019: H.R. 1595, amended, to create protections for

depository institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 321 yeas to 103 nays, Roll No. 544.

Pages H7962–74

Homeland Security Improvement Act: The House passed H.R. 2203, to increase transparency, accountability, and community engagement within the Department of Homeland Security, provide independent oversight of border security activities, improve training for agents and officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 230 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 546.

Pages H7928–34, H7974–76

Rejected the Green (TN) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Homeland Security with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 545.

Pages H7974–76

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–27, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 116–217, shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Homeland Security now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 577, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2203) and (H.R. 3525) and the resolution (H. Res. 576) was agreed to, as amended, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 228 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 543, after the Scanlon amendment was agreed to by voice vote, after the previous question was ordered on the amendment and the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 227 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 542.

Pages H7913–20

Question of Privilege: Representative McCarthy rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hoyer motion to table H. Res. 590, raising a question of the privileges of the House, by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 193 noes, Roll No. 547.

Pages H7976–77

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community: The House agreed to H. Res. 576, as amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the whistleblower complaint of August 12, 2019, made to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, by a yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay” and two answering “present”, Roll No. 548.

Pages H7921–28, H7977–78

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendments to the text and preamble specified in section 11 are adopted and the resolution, as amended, is considered as read.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Kelly (MS) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Ratcliffe wherein he resigned from the Committee on Homeland Security.

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Senate Referral: S.J. Res. 54 was held at the desk.

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today and message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H7913 and H7934.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7919–20, H7920, H7973–74, H7975–76, H7976, H7977, and H7978. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERNATIONAL FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AT USDA AND USAID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “International Food Assistance Programs at USDA and USAID”. Testimony was heard from Trey Hicks, Director, Office of Food for Peace, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Ken Isley, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION: PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND FOSTERING COMPETITION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled “Federal Trade Commission: Protecting Consumers and Fostering Competition in the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; and Joseph J. Simons, Chairman, Federal Trade Commission.

INVESTMENTS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH AT FIVE INSTITUTES AND CENTERS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Investments in Medical Research at Five Institutes and Centers of the National Institutes of Health”. Testimony was heard from the following National Institutes of Health officials: Francis Collins, M.D., Director; Bruce Tromberg, Director, National Institutes of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Eliseo Perez-Stable, M.D., Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities; Helene Langevin, M.D., Director, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health; Christopher Austin, M.D., Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences; and Patricia Flatley Brennan, Director, National Library of Medicine.

OVERSIGHT HEARING: FAA AVIATION CERTIFICATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Oversight Hearing: FAA Aviation Certification”. Testimony was heard from Daniel K. Elwell, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration; and Earl Lawrence, Executive Director,

Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration.

STATUS OF THE B61–12 LIFE EXTENSION AND W88 ALTERATION–370 PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “Status of the B61–12 Life Extension and W88 Alteration–370 Programs”. Testimony was heard from Charles P. Verdon, Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, National Nuclear Security Administration; Vice Admiral Johnny Wolfe, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, U.S. Navy; and Lieutenant General Richard Clark, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, U.S. Air Force.

AMERICA’S INFRASTRUCTURE: TODAY’S GAPS, TOMORROW’S OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE NEED FOR FEDERAL INVESTMENT

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “America’s Infrastructure: Today’s Gaps, Tomorrow’s Opportunities, and the Need for Federal Investment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Labor: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2474, the “Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2019”. H.R. 2474 was ordered reported, as amended.

SOUNDING THE ALARM: THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREATS OF E CIGARETTES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Sounding the Alarm: The Public Health Threats of E-Cigarettes”. Testimony was heard from Norman E. Sharpless, M.D., Acting Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Anne Schuchat, M.D., Principal Deputy Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Joneigh Khaldun, M.D., Chief Deputy Director for Health and Chief Medical Executive, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson, M.D., State Health Director and Chief Medical Officer, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services; Lee Norman, M.D., Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment; and Monica Bharel, M.D., Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

MAKING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MORE AFFORDABLE: LEGISLATION TO NEGOTIATE A BETTER DEAL FOR AMERICANS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Making Prescription Drugs More Affordable: Legislation to Negotiate a Better Deal for Americans”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING FINANCIAL STABILITY: ASSESSING THREATS TO THE U.S. FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “Promoting Financial Stability: Assessing Threats to the U.S. Financial System”. Testimony was heard from Dino Falaschetti, Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury; and Lael Brainard, Governor, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

PROTECTING SENIORS: A REVIEW OF THE FHA’S HOME EQUITY CONVERSION MORTGAGE (HECM) PROGRAM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing, Community Development, and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Protecting Seniors: A Review of the FHA’s Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program”. Testimony was heard from Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H. Res. 543, recognizing Hong Kong’s bilateral relationship with the United States, condemning the interference of the People’s Republic of China in Hong Kong’s affairs, and supporting the people of Hong Kong’s right to protest; H.R. 3289, the “Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019”; H. Res. 517, supporting the Global Fund to fight AIDS, tuberculosis (TB), malaria, and its Sixth Replenishment; H. Res. 387, condemning continued violence against civilians by armed groups in the Central African Republic and supporting efforts to achieve a lasting political solution to the conflict; H. Res. 552, calling on the Government of the Russian Federation to provide evidence of wrongdoing or to release United States citizen Paul Whelan; H.R. 4270, the “PROTECT Hong Kong Act”; and H. Res. 521, commending the Government of Canada for upholding the rule of law and expressing concern over actions by the Government of the People’s Republic of China in response to a request from the United States Government to the Government of

Canada for the extradition of a Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., executive. H. Res. 543, H.R. 3289, H.R. 4270, and H. Res. 387 were ordered reported, as amended. H. Res. 517, H. Res. 552, and H. Res. 521 were ordered reported, without amendment.

ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF CUTTING FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO CENTRAL AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, and Trade held a hearing entitled “Assessing the Impact of Cutting Foreign Assistance to Central America”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a markup on H.R.1975, the “Cybersecurity Advisory Committee Authorization Act of 2019”; H.R.4432, the “Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act”. H.R. 4432 and H.R. 1975 were ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING AMERICA FROM ASSAULT WEAPONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Protecting America from Assault Weapons”. Testimony was heard from Nan Whaley, Mayor, Dayton, Ohio; RaShall Brackney, Chief of Police, Charlottesville, Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 729, the “Tribal Coastal Resiliency Act”; H.R. 925, the “North American Wetlands Conservation Extension Act”; H.R. 1472, to rename the Homestead National Monument of America near Beatrice, Nebraska, as the Homestead National Historical Park; H.R. 1487, the “Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Boundary Adjustment Study Act”; H.R. 1492, the “Yucca House National Monument Boundary Revision Act”; H.R. 1747, the “National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act”; H.R. 2185, the “District of Columbia Flood Prevention Act of 2019”; H.R. 3115, the “Living Shorelines Act of 2019”; H.R. 3541, the “Coastal State Climate Preparedness Act of 2019”; and H.R. 3596, the “Keep America’s Waterfronts Working Act”. H.R. 729, H.R. 925, H.R. 1472, H.R. 2185, and H.R. 3541 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 1487, H.R. 1492, H.R. 1747, H.R. 3115, and H.R. 3596 were ordered reported, as amended.

ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS: PROTECTING TRIBAL COMMUNITIES FROM THE EFFECTS OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States held a hearing entitled “Advance Appropriations: Protecting Tribal Communities from the Effects of a Government Shutdown”. Testimony was heard from Representatives McCollum and Young; Jason Freihage, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Management, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

NEXTGEN FEDS: RECRUITING THE NEXT GENERATION OF PUBLIC SERVANTS

Committee on Oversight and Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “NextGen Feds: Recruiting the Next Generation of Public Servants”. Testimony was heard from Representative Carolyn B. Maloney of New York; Robert Goldenkoff, Director of Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

RELATING TO A NATIONAL EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE PRESIDENT ON FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a closed rule providing for consideration of S.J. Res. 54, relating to a national emergency declared by the President on February 15, 2019. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. Finally, the rule provides one motion to commit.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4373, the “Engineering Biology Research and Development Act of 2019”; H.R. 4372, the “MSI STEM Achievement Act”; and H.R. 4355, the “Identifying Outputs of Generative Adversarial Networks Act”. H.R. 4373, H.R. 4372, and H.R. 4355 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 4406, the “Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act of 2019”; H.R. 4405, the “Women’s Business Centers Improvements Act of 2019”; H.R. 4407, the “SCORE for Small Business Act of 2019”; H.R. 4387, to establish Growth Accelerator Fund Competition within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes. H.R. 4406, H.R. 4405, H.R. 4407, and H.R. 4387 were ordered reported, without amendment.

LANDLORD AND TENANT: THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION’S OVERSIGHT OF THE TRUMP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL LEASE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “Landlord and Tenant: The Trump Administration’s Oversight of the Trump International Hotel Lease”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Mathews, Public Buildings Commissioner, General Services Administration; Carol F. Ochoa, Inspector General, General Services Administration; Michael A. Foster, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

COAST GUARD AND PORT INFRASTRUCTURE: BUILT TO LAST?

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Coast Guard and Port Infrastructure: Built to Last?”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Nathan Moore, Assistant Commandant for Engineering and Logistics, U.S. Coast Guard; Nathan Anderson, Acting Director, Homeland Security and Justice, General Accountability Office; Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Special Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Adaptation and Protection, Office of the Governor, Virginia; and public witnesses.

MISSION CRITICAL: CARE IN THE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “MISSION Critical: Care in the Community Update”. Testimony was heard from Richard Stone, Executive in Charge, Veterans’ Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: business meeting to markup an original bill making appropriations for Interior, Environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for State, Foreign Operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Commerce, Justice, Science, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, an original bill making appropriations for Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and an original bill making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine the Hong Kong emergency, focusing on securing freedom, autonomy, and human rights, 10:45 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 2132, to promote security and provide justice for United States victims of international terrorism, S. 2511, to amend title 40, United States Code, to provide the Marshal of the Supreme Court of the United States and Supreme Court Police with the authority to protect the Chief Justice of the United States, any Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and other individuals in any location, and the nominations of Halil Suleyman Ozerden, of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, David B. Barlow, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, R. Austin Huffaker, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama, Lee Philip Rudofsky, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas, Justin Reed Walker, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, Eleni Maria Roumel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Steven J. Menashi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Kenneth Charles Canterbury, Jr., of South Carolina, to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and David M. DeVillers, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 11 a.m., SH-219.

Full Committee, closed business meeting to consider pending intelligence matters; to be immediately followed by a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry, hearing entitled “The National Forest System: Restoring our Forest Infrastructure”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “IRS Oversight: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration”, 3 p.m., 2358–A Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Misclassification of Employees: Examining the Costs to Workers, Businesses, and the Economy”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled “Making Health Care More Affordable: Lowering Drug Prices and Increasing Transparency”, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change, markup on H.R. 1603, the “Alan Reinstein Ban Asbestos Now Act of 2019”; H.R. 535, the “PFAS Action Act of 2019”; H.R. 2377, the “Protect Drinking Water from PFAS Act of 2019”; H.R. 2533, the “Providing Financial Assistance for Safe Drinking Water Act”; H.R. 2566, a bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise the Safer Choice Standard to provide for a Safer Choice label for pots, pans, and cooking utensils that do not contain PFAS, and for other purposes; H.R. 2570, the “PFAS User Fee Act of 2019”; H.R. 2577, the “PFAS Right-To-Know Act”; H.R. 2591, the “PFAS Waste Incineration Ban Act of 2019”; H.R. 2596, the “Protecting Communities from New PFAS Act”; H.R. 2600, the “Toxic PFAS Control Act”; H.R. 2605, the “PROTECT Act of 2019”; H.R. 2608, the “PFAS Testing Act of 2019”; H.R. 2626, the “PFAS Accountability Act of 2019”; H.R. 2638, a bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2699, the “Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Legislation to Protect Consumers and Small Business Owners from Abusive Debt Collection Practices”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Task Force on Financial Technology, hearing entitled “The Future of Real-Time Payments”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee; and Full Committee of the House Committee on Natural Resources, joint hearing entitled “Sustaining U.S. Pacific Insular Relationships”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, and Nonproliferation, hearing entitled “U.S. Nonproliferation Policy and the FY 2020 Budget”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery, hearing entitled “Engaging the Community: Perspectives on School Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Management and Accountability, hearing entitled “Oversight of ICE Detention Facilities: Is DHS Doing Enough?”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship, hearing entitled “The Expansion and Troubling Use of ICE Detention”, 10:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled “The Federal Judiciary in the 21st Century: Ensuring the Public’s Right of Access to the Courts”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing entitled “Community Responses to Gun Violence in our Cities”, 12 p.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Department of the Interior’s Failure to Cooperate with Congressional Oversight Requests”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Understanding, Forecasting, and Communicating Extreme Weather in a Changing Climate”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, hearing entitled “Online Imposters and Disinformation”, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “SBA Management Review: Small Business Investment Company Program”, 11:30 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “A Work in Progress: Implementation of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “The Future of VA Scheduling: Implementing a Commercial Off the Shelf Scheduling Solution at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “The Public Health Consequences and Costs of Gun Violence”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Whistleblower Disclosure”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Solving the Climate Crisis: Reducing Industrial Emissions Through U.S. Innovation”, 2 p.m., HVC–210.

Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Promoting Civility and Building a More Collaborative Congress”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, September 26

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, September 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 4378, Continuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019. At 12:15 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to Paul Amendment No. 942 to H.R. 4378 and passage of the bill.

At 1:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Gen. John E. Hyten for appointment as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 3525—U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act.

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